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GEORGIA STATE PARKS

VIEWS

April 1963

If Easter Be Not True

Henry H. Barstow, D.D.

If Easter be not true,
Then all the lilies low must lie;
The Flanders poppies fade and die;
The spring must lose her fairest bloom
For Christ were still within the tomb . . .
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
Then faith must mount on broken wing;
Then hope no more immortal spring;
Then hope must lose her mighty urge;
Life prove a phantom, death a dirge . . .
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
'Twere foolishness the cross to bear;
He dies in vain who suffered there;
What matter though we laugh or cry,
Be good or evil, live or die,
If Easter be not true?

If Easter be not true . . .
But it is true, and Christ is risen!
And mortal spirit from its prison
Of sin and death with Him may rise!
Worthwhile the struggle, sure the prize,
Since Easter, aye, is true!

*Our sincere thanks to the author
whose address we were unable to locate.*

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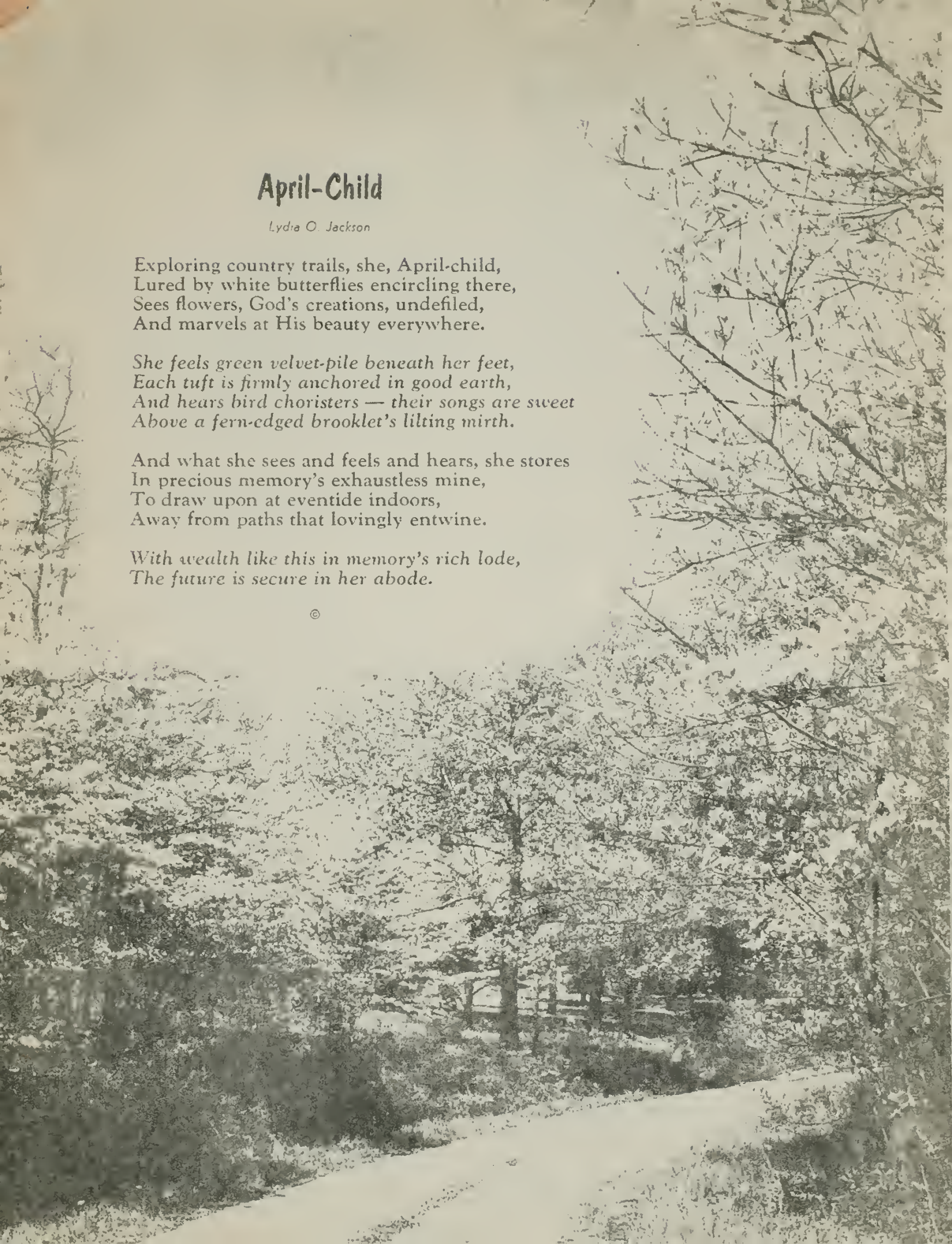
Exploring country trails, she, April-child,
Lured by white butterflies encircling there,
Sees flowers, God's creations, undefiled,
And marvels at His beauty everywhere.

*She feels green velvet-pile beneath her feet,
Each tuft is firmly anchored in good earth,
And hears bird choristers — their songs are sweet
Above a fern-edged brooklet's lilting mirth.*

And what she sees and feels and hears, she stores
In precious memory's exhaustless mine,
To draw upon at eventide indoors,
Away from paths that lovingly entwine.

*With wealth like this in memory's rich lode,
The future is secure in her abode.*

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STATE PARK

NEWS

KOLOMOKI MOUNDS STATE PARK

Blakely Cecil Hall, Supt.

I thought I had something to write about when I caught a 9-pound bass lure in one of the lakes. But then Clay Morgan had to go and tell about one weighing 13 pounds before I could get my tale in. Anyway--I caught it myself.

Tomorrow is the beginning day at Rock Eagle, so the expectation of seeing everyone seems better than writing.

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LAURA S. WALKER STATE PARK

Waycross Clay H. Morgan, Supt.

On a cycle of every 4 years, the pine cones in this part of the state are three times larger than ordinary. We have had thousands this year 12 to 16 inches long and symmetrically perfect. Some of our New York City campers have told us that these cones would sell for \$5.00 during the Christmas Holidays. Shipping, of course, would be the problem.....

A lone camper from Nova Scotia, with a little Volkswagon, had the most gadgets I have ever seen, and had quite a crowd around his camp site. He had fine oxygen equipment, heat elements showing the exact temperature of each piston, compass, revolving mirror, and even an altimeter to show how high he was when going over the high mountains! His cooking equipment, heating and cooling devices, plus a two-way radio, were out of this world. He also had a folding desk with a filing catalog. Now beat that!.....

This week we had quite a coincidence. A young German couple came here to camp for the night. In registering, I noticed they were from Heidelberg, Germany. In about an hour, a much older couple came in to register and they, too, were from Heidelberg! They did not know each other, but the older couple lived just two blocks from where I once had an office. Believe me, it is from people like these that one can get the exact European situation. They are highly educated and well read. I get quite a kick out of talking with them.

We also had a camper who gave the U.S. Air Force the second part of Radar, and which gave his country the greatest Radar on earth.

Another interesting visitor, (camper), was a NATO Representative from Denmark. Also had four Canadians.

Colonel Wagner paid us a visit--okayed an area for campers, plus a comfort station. He also turned down several things at the swimming pool.

Started cutting grass this week. The skiers are really coming in. Weather is fine. Hope to erect a jump ramp for these skiers. Think it would be a fine drawing card for added attendance.....

As the end of the month nears--we again have distinguished guests. Alan Shepard (Mr. Astronaut, himself!) visited our place this week--not a camper--just a visitor. Also here was Mr. Walter Schneider, Chief Engineer, Burch Biscuit Co., Chicago, who was a camper.

"We'll be comin' around the mountain" on the 2nd of April and landing at Rock Eagle. I'll be mighty glad to see the old and new faces again during the round-up. From all accounts, we are going to have a very interesting program this spring....

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VICTORIA BRYANT STATE PARK

Royston F. H. Hill, Supt.

It seems spring has come at last and we are having large crowds out at the park. I have had two Scout groups, three church groups, and five school groups.

Sites have been graded off for our new comfort station and ready now for building to start.

Plans are being made for an Easter Pageant and Sunrise Service on April 14.

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FORT YARGO STATE PARK

Winder W. S. Fricks, Supt.

We have just returned from a most enjoyable and informative 3-day In-Service Training Program held at Rock Eagle Center. Our thanks to Mr. Caldwell and the General Office staff for their efforts and information.

We have been quite busy at Fort Yargo today with ground work, mowing lawns, etc. Several cars of tourists have come by today, all wanting to see the old Fort. One car was from New York State, one from Florida, and one from Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell (no relation to our Director) from Pike County came by. We were also pleasantly surprised with a short visit from Colonel Wagner.

For two or three week-ends, we have had good crowds in our picnic area and are having quite a few pioneer camping groups to camp here.

The work of cutting timber and clearing the lake basin is progressing quite well. Everyone is anxious for the work to begin on the dam and other developments at Fort Yargo.

Good luck to everyone for a very successful and profitable season in the Parks Department.

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KEG CREEK STATE PARK

Appling James Sweat, Caretaker

As spring and summer approach, we are looking forward to another successful season.

As caretaker of Keg Creek State Park, I want to express appreciation and thanks for the residence which is almost finished. Other improvements are being made toward a growing and prosperous park.

We are looking forward to a very high attendance this season.

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F. D. ROOSEVELT STATE PARK

Pine Mountain T. E. Darden, Supt.

It was nice to see all the Park personnel again. We enjoyed everything so much.

Work is still going on here. We hope to have everything ready for opening date, May 1st.

We welcome Mr. Pelham, our Assistant Superintendent, and his wife. They will be in charge of the Inn, also.

We have had several Scout groups and tent campers. Also enjoyed a visit from Mr. Arnall.

The weather here has been beautiful and the mountains are covered with spring flowers.

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APROPOS FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR

An astronaut I'll never be;
But the taxes I must pay
Unfailingly keep putting me
In orbit day by day.

---S. Omar Barker

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OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

Dear Miss Rankin:

May I express our appreciation to the Parks Department for the fine exhibit displayed at the Forest Products Week at Westgate Shopping Center during the week of March 4.

It was an outstanding exhibit and received much attention, I must say, however, the Parks Department can be proud of the personnel who manned the exhibit. They are a credit to your organization.

H. E. Ruark, Director
Georgia Forest Research
Council
Macon, Ga.

Editor's Note: Mr. Dodson Carter and Mr. Frank McMichael may take a bow.

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Comment received from Mr. Charles T. Hisler of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., who visited Seminole State Park:

"Nice clean park. Mr. E. C. Johnson was most helpful."

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I DREAMED THE OTHER NIGHT

I dreamed that death came the other night

And, as Heaven's gates swung wide,
With kindly grace an Angel
Ushered me inside.

There to my astonishment
Stood folks I'd known on earth
But had judged and labeled
As unfit and of little worth.

Indignant words rose to my lips
But never were set free,
For every face showed stunned
surprise--
No one had expected ME!

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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

April 1 William Anderson
(Crooked River Park)

April 19 Mrs. John Allgood
(Nancy Hart State Park)

April 24 Henry D. Struble
(General Office)

April 25 Miss Barbara Rankin
(General Office)

April 28 Joel Vester Crane
(Indian Springs Park)

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NEWS ITEM

The annual Ware County Forestry Festival is slated for May 1 with Lt. Gov. Peter Zack Geer as principal speaker.

The festival will be staged at Laura S. Walker State Park, with state and district officials to be invited guests.

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Rolling up to the gas pumps at a service station, the driver of a little economy car lowered his window and shouted, "Fill 'er up with Green Stamps!"

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BULLETIN BOARDS ARE TO BE FIXED
ATTRACTIVELY IN ALL PARKS.

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Note to Superintendents -

Your Park Views Newsletter will be only as good as you make it. Only a few of you have helped this month by giving us news of your parks. News should be sent in on the 1st or as soon after as possible.

CAMP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
April 19-21

This conference, to be held at Camp Calvin, Hampton, Georgia, will be attended by an estimated 150 Georgia Camp Directors and Counselors.

The theme will be "Common Denominators in Camping." Dr. Taylor Dodson, President-elect of the Southeastern Section of the American Camping Association, will be featured speaker on Friday evening, followed by a discussion group.

On Saturday morning, a panel of Counselors will discuss "Why They Go to Camp", "Why They Return to the Same Camp", "Experiences of Being New at Camp", and "How to Choose the Right Camp." Following this, the group will divide. One group will be composed of Counselors and the subject will be "What I Expect From My Camp Experience." The other group will be the Administrators, and their topic will be "What I Expect From the Counselor."

Since there has not been a Civil Defense Plan for Campers in Georgia, the State Division of Civil Defense will present their plan on Saturday morning.

Saturday afternoon, there will be a session on "Seat to Feet or Come See Defeat." It emphasizes the Physical Fitness Program of President Kennedy. Also in the afternoon will be a tour of Camp Calvin and the outpost camps.

On Sunday morning, Dot McNabb of West Georgia College will be in charge of the program, "Spiritual Values in Camping", in cooperation with Dr. Taylor Dodson. On Sunday morning at 10:30, Dr. Hugh Masters, Director of the Georgia Center for Continuing Education, will present his program of outdoor recreation and camping, "What to Expect in Georgia in Research and Training."

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FAMILY CAMPING WORKSHOP
April 26-28

More than 300 people are expected to attend the Family Camping Workshop at Hard Labor Creek State Park, Rutledge, Ga., the last week-end in April.

The first evening, the Atlanta Family Campers Association will be host to the other organized camping clubs in Georgia. During this session, they will tell of their experiences in the past year and how their clubs were organized.

On Saturday morning, there will be skill sessions on how to pack food and how to cook it. In the afternoon, there will be other skill sessions and helpful hints on living in the out-of-doors. At the same time, there will be planned recreation for the children.

Saturday night will feature a panel discussion by representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, National Park Service, U.S. Corps of Engineers, and Private Campground Operators. Miss Rankin will represent our department in this discussion.

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Two mosquitoes were watching blood donors giving their blood in a mobile van. Said one to the other: "Just fancy that. They'll come in here and lie down placidly while someone takes a pint of their blood, but they'll yell blue murder if we just take a couple of nips!"

---Reveille, England

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DID YOU KNOW???

The first motion picture theatre in the world was operated in Atlanta in 1895 by C. Francis Jenkins at the Cotton States Exposition.

DO YOU KNOW THE "SEVEN WONDERS OF GEORGIA"?

Interesting to out-of-state tourists as well as Georgians, they are:

1. OKEFENOKEE SWAMP, a land of mystery. It is the second largest swampland in the U. S. Many naturalists and scientists go there to explore its jungle-like interior.
2. STONE MOUNTAIN, located near Atlanta, believed to be the largest body of exposed rock in the world.
3. AMICOLOLA FALLS, the highest natural water falls in Georgia. The drop is 729 feet.
4. TALLULAH RIVER GORGE in north Georgia, noted for its scenic grandeur. The chasm is more than a thousand feet in depth.
5. PICKENS COUNTY MARBLE DEPOSITS, the largest in the world.
6. WARM SPRINGS, noted for their beauty and great flow of water, eighteen hundred gallons per minute.
7. JEKYLL ISLAND AND OTHER SEA ISLAND FORESTS, possessing virgin timber of primeval splendor.

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It is historically fitting that the world's oldest living thing and largest living thing--the 4000-year-old bristlecone pine and the magnificent sequoia--are grown only in the U.S. For each of these is a tree, a botanical phenomenon for which Americans have always reserved a special place in their hearts.

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A man must have a certain amount of intelligent ignorance to get ahead.

---C. F. Kettering

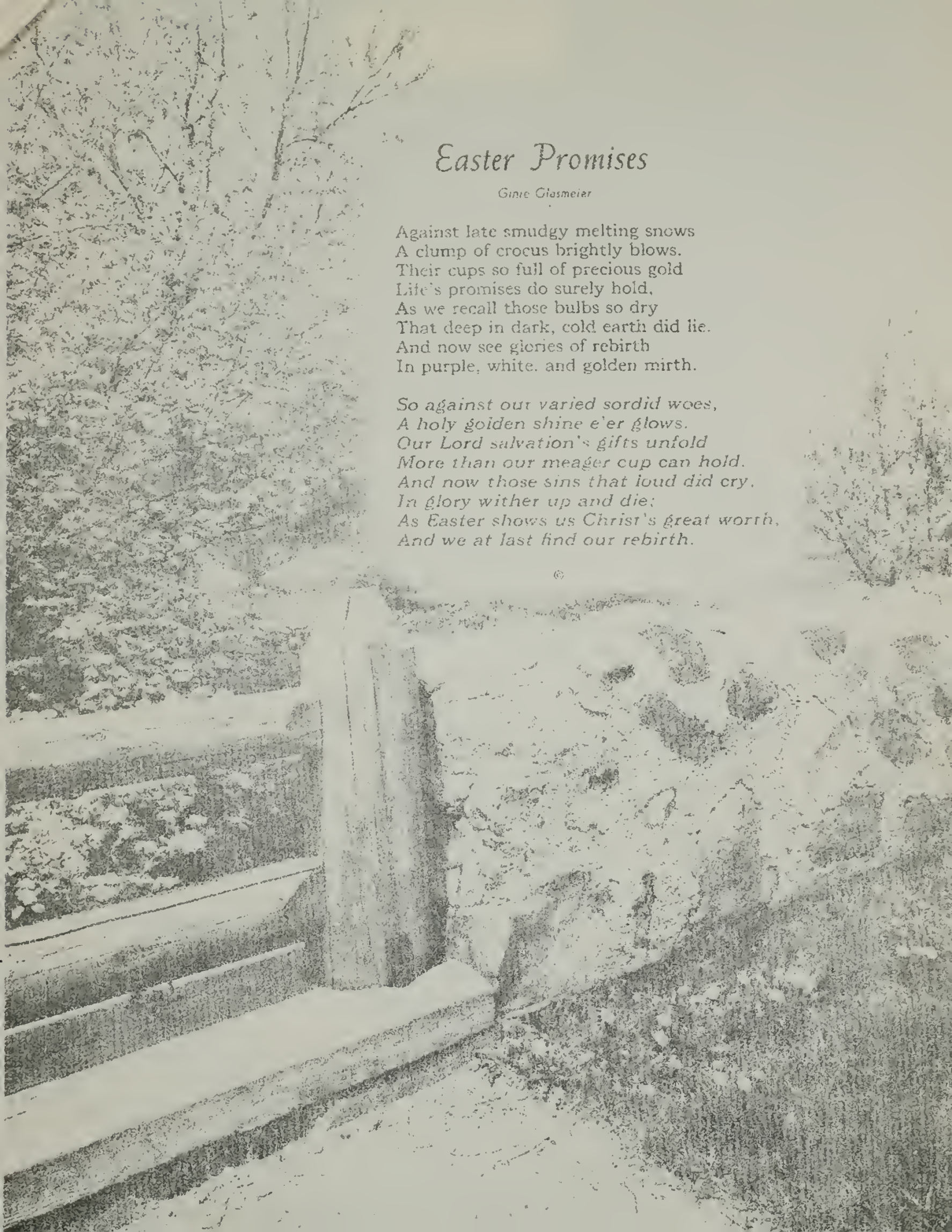
TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE CARE AND FEEDING OF VISITORS TO GEORGIA

1. Thou shalt not frown or scowl at visitors, for a traveler is your bread and butter.
2. Thou shalt ask pleasantly if you can be of service to visitors.
3. Thou shalt make yourself a storehouse of information for travelers and cheerfully share your knowledge with them.
4. Thou shalt answer questions, seventy times seven, with a smile.
5. Thou shalt keep your sunny side up even though weary after the day's labor.
6. Thou shalt be as prompt as possible when serving visitors.
7. Thou shalt be neat and clean, for cleanliness is a mark of politeness to others.
8. Thou shalt cause children to have a happy vacation, for their memories will profit you in the future.
9. Thou shalt encourage travelers to STAY and SEE GEORGIA for thereby will you and the entire State benefit.
10. Thou shalt send visitors on their way with smiles on your face and theirs.

---Georgia Chamber of
Commerce

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The Elijah Clark Museum in Elijah Clark Mem. State Park, Lincolnton, Georgia, was opened to the public on Sunday, April 14. It is now open on Saturdays and Sundays but, beginning June 8, it will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. except Mondays.



Easter Promises

Ginie Glasmeier

Against late smudgy melting snows
A clump of crocus brightly blows.
Their cups so full of precious gold
Life's promises do surely hold,
As we recall those bulbs so dry
That deep in dark, cold earth did lie.
And now see glories of rebirth
In purple, white, and golden mirth.

So against our varied sordid woes,
A holy golden shine e'er glows.
Our Lord salvation's gifts unfold
More than our meager cup can hold.
And now those sins that loud did cry,
In glory wither up and die;
As Easter shows us Christ's great worth,
And we at last find our rebirth.

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